THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 24th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF A NEW MEMBER.

Sri K. Shanmugam was sworn-in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

State expenditure in connexion with the tour of the President of India.

* 910 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the State expenditure incurred by this State for the tour of the President of the Republic in this State in the month of February 1953; and

(*b*) what are the details of expenditure item by item?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) Rupees 53,466–4–8.

" (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI C. KANDASAMI:—" May I know how much has been spent on police officers and how much on men? The first item in the statement refers to travelling allowance for police officers and men. I want to know how much has been spent on them separately."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am not able to give that information from the papers I have here. But is it important? What does it matter whether it is for officers or for constables? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—" From the statement furnished by the Government it is seen that a sum of more than Rs. 53,000 has been spent by our State alone on the President's visit in addition to expenditure incurred by other bodies. Apart from that, the Central Government also might have spent some money and we do not know all those figures. How does this huge expenditure compare with that incurred on the visits of our former British Viceroys and also is it necessary for our State to undertake to entertain such costly guests in our State? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1280–1283 infra.